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Sunset Park Access

Ten Year Area Management Plan

FY 2015 – 2024



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OVERVIEW

- **Official Area Name:** Sunset Park Access, # 6908
- **Year of Initial Acquisition:** 1971
- **Acreage:** 21.1 acres
- **County:** Polk
- **Division with Administrative Responsibility:** Forestry Division, Southwest Region
- **Division with Maintenance Responsibility:** Forestry Division, Southwest Region
- **Statement of Purpose:**

A. Strategic Direction

Sunset Park Access was developed and managed as a Pomme de Terre River access for launching canoes and small boats, and bank fishing.

B. Desired Future Condition

Sunset Park Access will be managed to provide boat and fishing access to the Pomme de Terre River provide healthy riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation, and provide high quality aquatic habitat. The parking lot and roadway should be maintained to adequately handle ingress, egress and parking for public use.

C. Federal Aid Statement

This area, or a portion thereof, was acquired with Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds to restore and manage sport fish, conserve and restore sport fish habitat (or a buffer to protect that habitat) and provide public access for sport fishing.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

A. **Priority Areas:** None

B. **Natural Areas:** None

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

A. **Species of Conservation Concern:** None observed.

B. **Caves:** None

C. **Springs:** None

III. Existing Infrastructure

- 0.5 miles, ungated interior roads
- 1 concrete boat ramp
- 1 parking lot

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

A. **Deed Restrictions or Ownership Considerations:** None

- B. Federal Interest:** Uses of land acquired with federal funds may not interfere with the purpose for which it was acquired. Closures to sport fishing must be based on the recommendations of the state fish and wildlife agency for fish and wildlife management purposes. Federal funds may also be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses maybe acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.
- C. Easements:** Perpetual Transmission Line Easement with the Empire District Electric Company, Perpetual Roadway Easement with Polk County
- D. Cultural Resources Findings:** None
- E. Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** None observed.
- F. Endangered Species:** None observed.
- G. Boundary Issues:** None

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

This access provides the opportunity to experience quality fishing and/or canoeing on the Pomme de Terre River.

Management Objective 1: Maintain the area to agency standards.

Strategy 1: Provide maintenance level 1 from May 1 to Sept. 15 and maintenance level 2 the rest of the year. (Forestry Division)

Management Objective 2: Manage invasive species.

Strategy 1: Monitor and manage exotic and/or invasive species using chemical, mechanical and biological methods.

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

Excessive user pressure can deteriorate riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation.

Management Objective 1: Maintain or improve the water quality of runoff from the area.

Strategy 1: Encourage and maintain healthy riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation throughout the area.

Strategy 2: Address future accelerated stream bank erosion along the river frontage. (Fisheries and Forestry)

Strategy 3: Follow the Department's state forest management guidelines (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2005) and the Department's watershed and stream management guidelines (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2009).

Strategy 4: Roadway will be managed according to appropriate best management practices to minimize runoff and sedimentation into stream resources.

Management Objective 2: Manage the spread of exotic and/or invasive aquatic life.

Strategy 1: Educate users, through signage, about the hazards and prevention of spreading aquatic invasive species. (Fisheries and Outreach and Education)

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Management Objective 1: Ensure proper use of the area by all users.

Strategy 1: Periodically patrol the access area to ensure compliance with area regulations. (Protection Division)

Management Objective 2: Invite anglers and boaters to use the access.

Strategy 1: Maintain infrastructure and facilities at the access.

Strategy 2: Monitor boat ramps for scour development and make any needed repairs.

Strategy 3: Clean flood debris from parking lot and boat ramp as soon as practical, but within one month of the water receding.

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

All strategies for this management plan are considered ongoing.

APPENDICES

Area Background:

Sunset Park Access was purchased and developed in 1971 using Sport Fish Restoration funds to provide boating access and fishing opportunities on the Pomme de Terre River. The access is located on the Pomme de Terre River, 2 miles south of Bolivar on Highway 13, 3.5 miles east on Route Y, and 1.5 miles north on County Road 480 (Figure 1).

Current Land and Water Types

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland/Riparian Forest	21.10		100
Total	21.10		100
Stream Frontage (first order and above)		0.25	

References:

Missouri Department of Conservation. (2005). *Missouri watershed protection practice manual: 2006 management guidelines for maintaining forested watersheds to protect streams*. Jefferson City, Missouri: Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri.
http://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/07/9331_6294.pdf.

Missouri Department of Conservation. (2009). *Watershed and stream management guidelines for land and waters managed by Missouri Department of Conservation*.
<http://forestkeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Watershed-and-Stream-Management-Guidelines-for-MDC-Land1.pdf>

Maps:

Figure 1: Sunset Park Access Area Map

Figure 2: Sunset Park Access Vicinity Map

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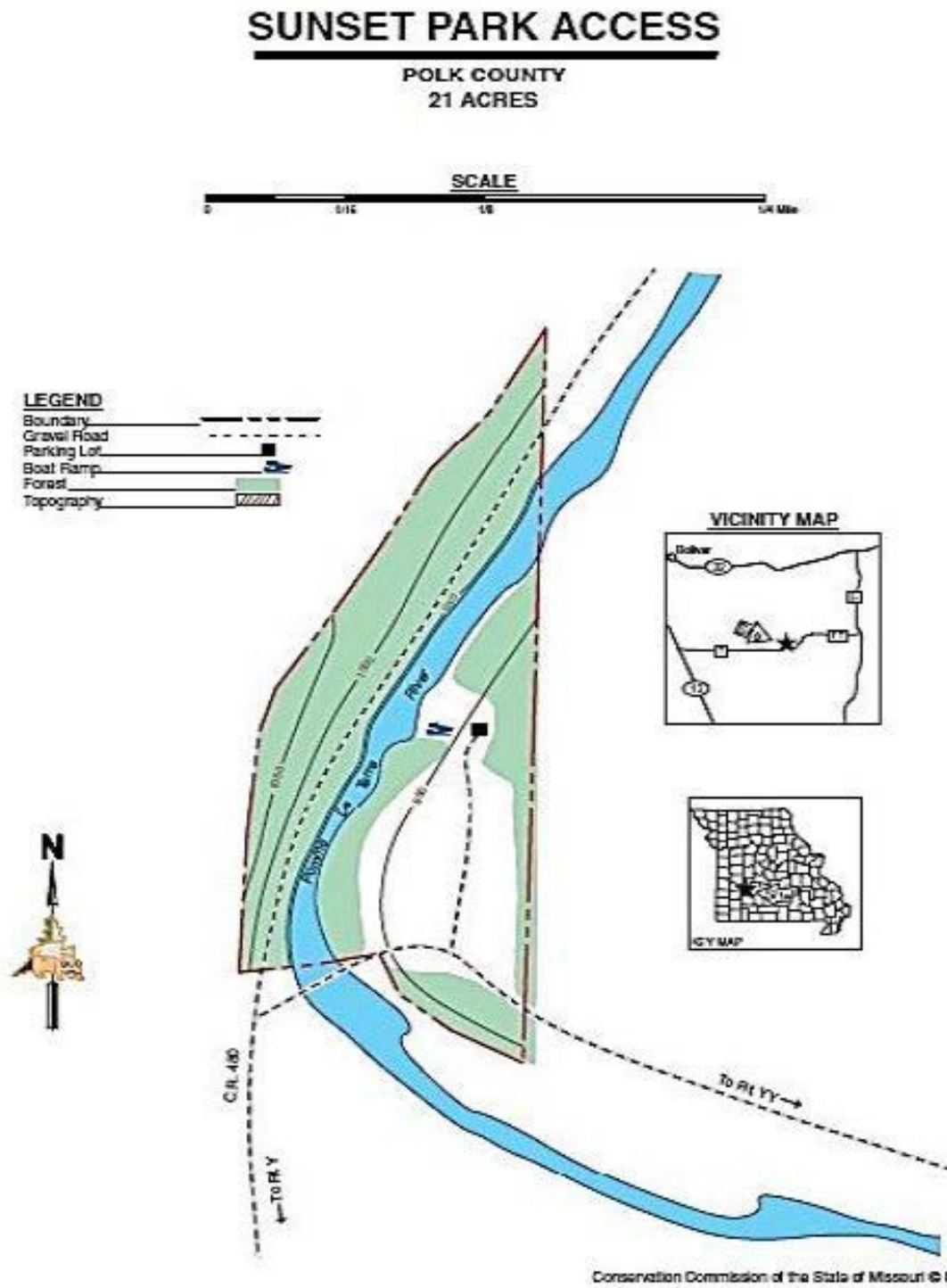
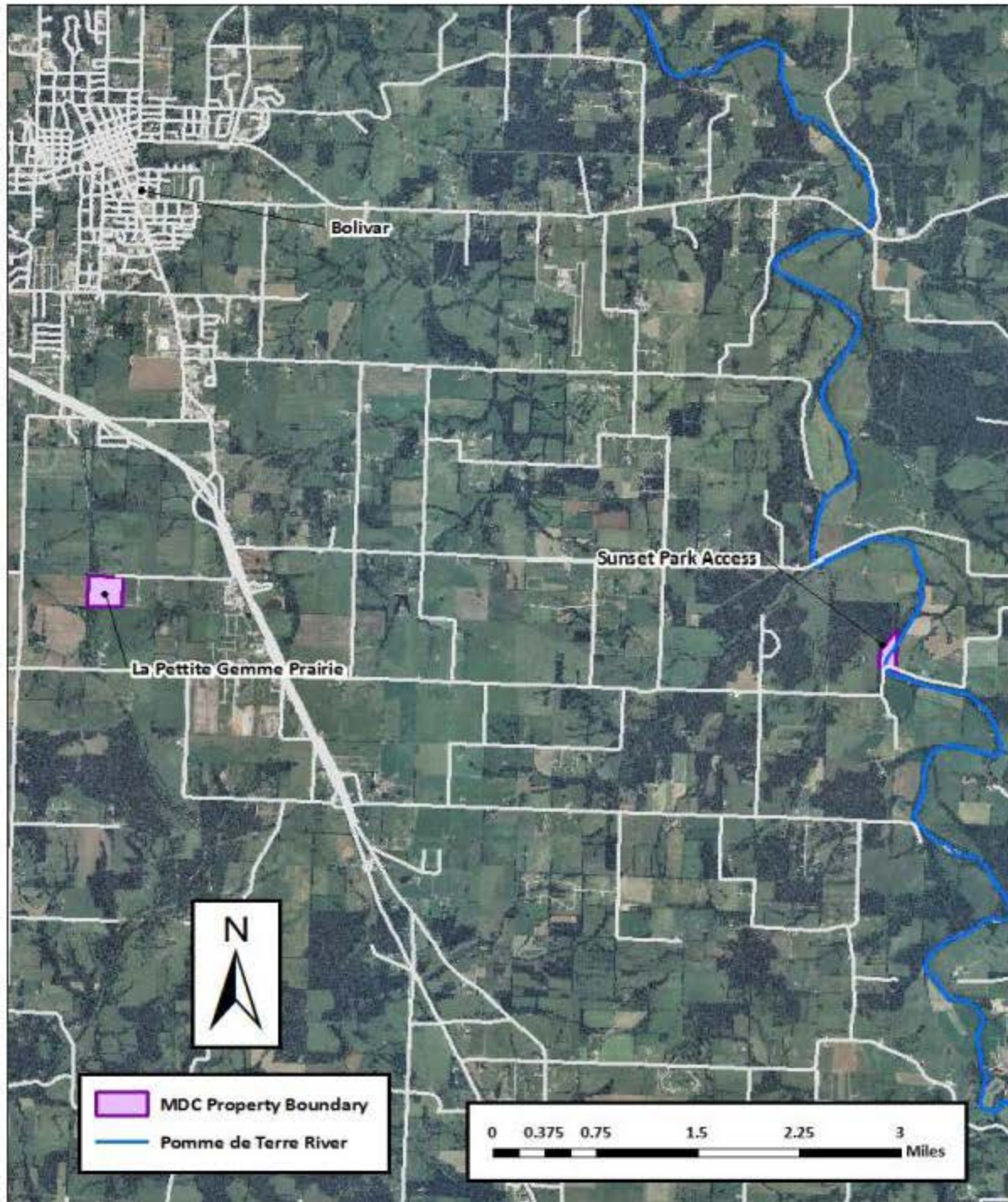


Figure 2: Sunset Park Access Vicinity Map



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